



MEETING THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CHALLENGE

2004

Biography

Bryan O'Connor

Associate Administrator for Safety and Mission Assurance - NASA HQ

Bryan O'Connor is the Associate Administrator, Office of Safety and Mission Assurance (OSMA), at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Headquarters in Washington, DC. He has functional responsibility for the safety, reliability, maintainability, and quality assurance of all NASA programs.

Mr. O'Connor began his career in the United States Marine Corps and was selected for the NASA astronaut program in 1980. With more than 20 years of experience with NASA, Mr. O'Connor has guided some of the Agency's most important efforts, including the Space Shuttle's return to flight after the Challenger disaster, the redesign of the Space Station Freedom to the International Space Station, and the Space Shuttle program partnership with Russia on the Shuttle-Mir program. Mr. O'Connor holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from the United States Naval Academy and a master's degree in aeronautical systems from the University of West Florida. He has 5,000 hours in over 40 types of aircraft, and he has almost 400 hours in space on two Space Shuttle flights (pilot on STS-61B and commander for STS-40).



NASA Project Management Conference